

Town of Maynard

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2020 – Meeting via Zoom

The Maynard Board of Health held a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 virtually via zoom at 6:30 PM. Kathy McMillan and Lisa Thuot were present. Kelly Pawluczonek, Health Agent and Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town Administrator/Executive Director of Municipal Services were also in attendance.

I. Call Meeting to Order

A motion was made by K. McMillan and seconded by L. Thuot to open the BOH meeting at 6:35. The motion was supported unanimously.

II. Appoint Interim Town Clerk, Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, as Burial Agent

A motion was made by K. McMillan to appoint Interim Town Clerk, Joanna Bilotta-Simeone as Burial Agent. The motion was seconded by L. Thuot and supported unanimously.

III. Public Hearing: Title 5 310 CMR 15.000 Variance Request 1& 2 Dartmouth Court

Section 15.105- Procedures for Performing a Percolation Test:

1. Allow the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of the standard percolation test procedures;

Section 15.212-Minimum Groundwater Offset Requirements:

2. Waive the requirement of a four (4) foot offset between the bottom of the SAS and the Assumed High Groundwater Level (on Ledge) and allow a three (3) foot offset per the Title 5 Local Upgrade Regulation in Section (15.405(1)(a);

Section 15.255-Construction in Fill:

3. Waive the requirement of a fifteen (15) foot offset between the top of the SAS Area and the slope and allow a ten (10) foot offset with the use of an impervious barrier in compliance with the DEP policy on the use of impervious barriers; and

Section 15.280-Alternative Treatment Systems

4. Allow the use of the Cultec 100HD Chambers in a sand bed as the proposed SAS system for Remedial Use, as approved by the DEP on June 12, 2015.

Health Agent K. Pawluczonek has no concerns with this request and recommended that the requested variances are granted. L. Thuot made a motion to approve the variances, seconded by K. McMillan and approved by all attending members.

IV. Public Hearing: Variance Request Federal/Merged Food Code- Regulation: 3-502.11 Variance Requirement - Great Gold (Inside Market Basket) Acidified Sushi Rice Obtain a variance from the LBOH to add vinegar to the sushi rice to render it a non-time/temperature control for safety (TCS) food.

Brenda Wong of Great Gold Sushi participated in the public hearing to discuss her variance request. Food Inspector Beth Grossman has been working with the applicant and Health Agent K. Pawluczzonek recommends this process pending the final food inspection and plan. K. McMillan made a motion to approve the variance based on final approval and plan. The motion was seconded by L. Thuot and approved by meeting participants.

V. GreenStar Herbal Discussion

Thomas Morrey discussed the retail cannabis dispensary that is scheduled to open later this year. He stated that he hopes the work will be completed in the next few weeks with an anticipated opening date of late December. T. Morrey answered questions about his other dispensaries and security concerns.

VI. COVID-19 Update

K. Pawluczzonek shared the Department of Public Health Thanksgiving Guidance that was published this week. COVID-19 case numbers were looking good for a while but they have recently increased in Maynard. The Board discussed quarantine fatigue and the need for members of the community to remain vigilant about hygiene and mask wearing. Board of Selectmen Chair Justine St. John participated in the meeting and asked the board if they have any specific messages that should be shared with the BOS or the public regarding the pandemic. Board members emphasized following state guidance regarding COVID-19 prevention, and to think of others in the community who are vulnerable. There are still many asymptomatic people that could be spreading the virus.

VII. Property Maintenance Discussion – Railroad Street Properties

M. Zammuto provided an update to the Board based on her conversation with Town Counsel. All materials from recent inspections and follow up reports have been sent to counsel for their analysis and recommendation for legal recourse. We expect to have a plan of action for next steps this Friday, either a recommendation of filing in court or beginning to issue fines for the incomplete repairs. We expect to have an update at the next meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Kathleen Fitzgerald suggested a student project encouraging users of the railtrail to wear masks. K. Pawluczzonek also mentioned a memo put out by the Chief of Police Association urging police to only enforce state guidance issued by the Governor. Heather O'Brien asked about the status of a previous public records request. M. Zammuto apologized for the delay and committed to sending the information as soon as possible.

IX. Adjournment

K. McMillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. The motion was seconded by L. Thuot and approved.

Approved 11.24.20